

# Saint James Parish



## *The Ministry of Music*

### **The Role of the Music Minister**

As a music minister you are offering your gift to the glory of God. Within the Mass the music serves a variety of needs. It gathers the voice of the assembly into one. It accompanies processions. It invites people to listen. It adds depth of a person's full active and conscious participation in the Liturgy.

Whether you sing or play your ministry is essential to the worship of Saint James Parish.

### **Skills Needed to be a Music Minister (Singer / Instrumentalist)**

Whether singer or instrumentalist you need to have the ability to work within a group of musicians and singers. Have some degree of music ability (learn by ear, read music, be open to learning music if taught) if instrumentalist have some proficiency with instrument.

### **Time Commitment**

Attend Wednesday evening practices from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Be able to honor your scheduled commitment to sing and / or play an instrument for the Liturgy. If unable to honor due to unforeseen circumstances notify John Navarro, coordinator of Music Ministry or try to find a substitute.

When applicable, special choral music for certain occasions (Christmas, Easter, Weddings, Funerals) will require extra rehearsal time possibly with separate practices. Sometimes new choral music is chosen for seasons in the Liturgical Year (Advent, Lent, Pentecost) or certain Holy Days (Feast of Corpus Christi, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Feast of the Assumption etc.) which will require additional commitment to learning and practicing the piece.

Arrive 1 hour minutes early and sign in your name in the Liturgy registry book in the Sacristy. Wear your music ministry medallion. A designated singer places numbers on hymnal board. Have music marked and ready to be sung before Mass. Spend 15 minutes warming up with Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation – Pray as a group before entering the Church.